

Proposal 38

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Remove the above regulation

Reason for changing the regulation: A recent abuse within the system has prompted a request for its removal.

Effect of change on fish and wildlife populations: None

Effect of proposed change on subsistence users: Subsistence users already share meat, so a designated hunter system is not necessary.

Proposed by: Northwest Arctic Federal Subsistence Regional Advisory Council

Proposal 39

Existing regulation: Units 23 and 26 - Sheep

Unit 23 - south of Rabbit Creek, Kyak Creek and the Noatak River, and west of the Cutler and Redstone Rivers (Baird Mountains) - 1 ram with full curl or larger horns by Federal registration permit. The Superintendent of the Western Arctic National Parklands may issue permits for the harvest of up to 20 full curl rams, based on a quota to be announced locally after the annual sheep population survey is completed. Federal public lands are closed to the taking of sheep except by Federally-qualified users.

Unit 23 - north of Rabbit Creek, Kyak Creek and the Noatak River, and west of the Aniuk River (DeLong Mountains) - 1 ram with full curl or larger horns by Federal registration permit. The Superintendent of the Western Arctic National Parklands may issue permits for the harvest of up to 10 full curl rams in the DeLong Mountains, Units 23 and 26(A), based on a quota to be announced locally after the annual sheep population survey is completed.

Unit 26(A) - that portion west of Howard Pass and Etivluk River (DeLong Mountains) - 1 ram with full curl or larger horns by Federal registration permit. The Superintendent of the Western Arctic National Parklands may issue permits for the harvest of up to 10 full curl rams in the DeLong Mountains, Units 23 and 26(A), based on a quota to be announced locally after the annual sheep population survey is completed.

Aug. 1-Sept 30. The season will be closed when half of total quota of sheep has been harvested.

Oct. 1- Apr. 1. The season will be closed when the total quota of sheep has been harvested incl. those harvested during the Aug. 1- Sept. 30 season.

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Unit 23 - north of Rabbit Creek, Kyak Creek and the Noatak River, and west of the Aniuk River (DeLong Mountains) - 1 ram with full curl or larger horns by Federal registration permit. The Superintendent of the Western Arctic National Parklands ~~may issue permits for the harvest of up to 10 full curl rams in the~~ **will announce the harvest quota for the** DeLong Mountains, Units 23 and 26(A), ~~based on a quota to be announced locally after the annual sheep population survey is completed.~~ **prior to each season. The trophy value of the horns must be destroyed upon return from the field by NPS or an NPS representative.**

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Reason for changing the regulation: To prevent trophy sport hunting from occurring during the Federal subsistence hunt. Letting the Park Superintendent announce the harvest quotas and dates of the winter season would allow annual flexibility to provide conservation of the resource while still allowing a subsistence priority.

Effect of change on fish and wildlife populations: Conservation of the resource

Effect of proposed change on subsistence users: Allow subsistence harvest opportunities during a time when conservation of the resource is still needed.

Proposed by: Northwest Arctic Federal Subsistence Regional Advisory Council

Proposal 40

Existing regulation: Unit 23 - Moose

None

Proposed regulation:

§__.26(m)(23)(ii)(C) The Selawik Controlled Use Area is closed for the period August 1 - October 31 to the use of aircraft in any manner either for hunting of caribou and moose, or for the transportation of hunters or harvested species. This does not apply to the transportation of hunters or parts of ungulates by regularly scheduled flights to communities by carriers that normally provide scheduled air service. The area consists of the a five-mile zone on either side of: the Selawik River, from the mouth to Ingruksuruk Creek, and the Kugarak River from the Selawik to the intersections with Kerchurak Creek and Rabbit River, within the boundaries of the Selawik National Wildlife Refuge.

Reason for changing the regulation: Too many boats have been returning home empty handed from hunting in an area they have traditionally hunted because of aircraft traffic. With gas prices being at \$3.50 per gallon and unemployment the highest in the region, this is fast becoming an untenable situation.

Effect of change on fish and wildlife populations: Lower harvest due to aircraft restrictions limiting guided and air charter hunting.

Effect of proposed change on subsistence users: Less competition with aircraft restrictions limiting guided and air charter hunting.

Proposed by: Native Village of Selawik

Proposal 41

Existing regulation: Unit 23 - Lynx (Trapping)

3 lynx.

Dec. 1 - Jan. 15.

Proposed regulation: Unit 23 - Lynx (Trapping)

3 10 lynx.

Dec. 1 - Jan. 15.

Reason for changing the regulation: The rabbit population is reaching a high point and there is evidence from Selawik and Noorvik that the lynx population has increased coincidentally.

Effect of change on fish and wildlife populations: None.

Effect of proposed change on subsistence users: The incidental catch of lynx in wolverine and wolf traps has increased. This increase in lynx harvest will help subsistence users.

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